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ROAD POLICY URGED TO CUT LIVING COST

Senate Committee Reports in Favor of Federal Commission Bill.

Hope of further reduction in the cost of living through broadening and strengthening of the nation's highway policies is held out by majority members of the Senate post offices and post roads committee, in a formal report yesterday recommending enactment of the Townsend bill to create a federal highway commission and to establish an interstate road system.

Old Methods Obsolete. Declaring that "the modern motor vehicle has rendered obsolete old methods of highway construction, maintenance, and administration," the report adds:

"Our highway policies must be broadened and strengthened to meet this changed condition, if public expenditures are to be conserved and the best interests of the nation cared for. Living costs can be reduced, our defenses strengthened and a new spirit of nationalism created if we use intelligently this new means of communication between communities and states."

The report, in presenting the provision of the bill to create a distinct commission of three members for federal highway administration, points out that appropriations for highways constitute 60 per cent of the total given the Department of Agriculture, the present agency of administration, and adds that if the present arrangement continues it "will serve to subordinate the purely agricultural problems to questions of much industrial and agricultural, and in time will overshadow the purpose for which the Department of agriculture was created, greatly to the detriment of the agricultural interests."

Selection of Routes.

Touching on the authority of the proposed commission over selection of routes, which has been attacked by states' rights advocates as a usurpation of state functions, the report contends that "unless this final power is lodged in the federal government, state roads of primary importance may fail to connect at state lines and thus disjoin an interstate system and obstruct traffic from one state to the other."

URGES UNEMPLOYED TO WORK ON FARMS

Secretary Davis Suggests Best Means of Relief for Workers Where Mills Are Closed.

Solution of the unemployment problem in the United States rests in a change in the mental attitude of the men skilled in trades, who, when the mills close down or trade is slack, should find employment outside their trades, according to Secretary of Labor Davis.

Mr. Davis said he had found thousands of tin workers and workers in allied trades in the central eastern industrial section out of work and rapidly running into debt because they were waiting for work in their particular trades, knowing at the same time many mills will not open until early fall. He said these men should find work wherever it is available, and suggested farming as one means of finding them over the industrial depression of midsummer.

Thousands of men are needed in the wheat fields of Kansas, the Secretary said. These men, he added, could readily be obtained from the ranks of those temporarily out of employment, owing to a shut-down of many mills. Many of them are living on their savings and do not appear to be making an effort to get work outside their trades," Mr. Davis said. "The condition is an unhealthy one and could be easily bettered if the unemployed tradesmen would make an effort to secure work elsewhere than in their trades."

"Of course, they cannot expect to get \$10 or \$15 a day on the farm," the Secretary added. "But they will get enough money to carry them through the summer and probably enough to last them until the mills open up in the fall."

Mr. Davis announced in connection with the guild movement in England that he may send Lawrence Veiller of New York to England to study the movement with the view of proposing a similar movement in this country.

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WOUNDED, GETS FIRST PERMIT FOR PHOTO OF PRESIDENT AT DESK

Permission to make the first photograph of President Harding seated at his desk in the executive offices has been granted by the President to Benjamin Grey of New York soldier, trained in photography by the federal government's vocational education system.

The appointment was made by Chairman Kahn of the House military committee.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

Diplomas and Medals Awarded to Graduates at Exercises in Gonzaga College Hall.

Diplomas and medals were awarded to graduates of Notre Dame Academy at the annual commencement exercises yesterday afternoon, in Gonzaga College Hall. The program included an address by Rev. Father Sweeney, a one-act play, music and addresses by the students and the conferring of scholarships.

Miss Gertrude Espey was awarded the tuition scholarship by Trinity College for the highest record in entrance examinations. The Anna Hanson Dorsey scholarship for day students at Trinity College, founded by the ladies' auxiliary of the Catholic church, was awarded to Miss Margaret McGowan. Miss Julia O'Connor, Miss Elmer Brady and Miss Virginia Kattly, pupils of the eighth grade, were awarded the Blessed Mother Julia scholarship for the classical course at Notre Dame Academy.

Miss Helen Josephine Collins, Miss Josephine Anna Crowley, Miss Elizabeth Carmel Garner, Miss Thelma Regina, Miss Mary Doyle, Miss Josephine Leahy and Miss Catherine Elizabeth McMahon were given diplomas for the post-graduate business course. Certificates of admission to Trinity College were awarded to Miss Margaret Bielmann, Miss Miriam Covance, Miss Margaret Cowles, Miss Jane Gallagher, Miss Nan Geier, Miss Kathleen Harlow, Miss Florence McElroy and Miss Florence Mattimore.

The gold medal for piano was given to Miss Emily Hornig; silver medal for piano to Miss Dorothy Connor, Miss Ruth Connor and Miss Gertrude Geary; testimonials for piano to Miss Katherine Biordi, Miss Marietta Dawson, Miss Alice Donnelly, Miss Mary Doyle, Miss Margaret Genau, Miss Katherine Hand, Miss Antonette Lananah, Miss Mary Leshner, Miss Helen McGivney, Miss Catherine McNell, Miss Margaret Osborn, Miss Mary Sullivan; testimonials for violin to Miss Mary Cavanagh, Miss Mary Espey, Miss Margaret Horlby, Miss Mary Keilner and Miss Mary Ready.

Academic medals and diplomas were presented to Miss Margaret Katherine Bielmann, Miss Miriam Aquinas Cavanagh, Miss Marjorie Julie Cowles, Miss Mary Virginia Doyle, Miss Gertrude Mary Espey, Miss Mary Veronica Flavin, Miss Jane Frances Gallagher, Miss Florence Patricia Foley, Miss Theresa Geier, Miss Kathleen Marie Harlow, Miss Frances Magdalena Mody, Miss Florence Anne McElroy, Miss Margaret Mary McGowan, Miss Florence Teresa Mattimore, Miss Mary Elizabeth Mattimore and Miss Katherine Rita Swinburne.

WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS.

Miss Ethel Bagby was elected president of the Business Women's Council at a recent meeting held at the Church of the Covenant.

Other officers elected were Miss Elizabeth R. Groves, first vice president; Mrs. Anne Bonner, second vice president; Miss Eva Johnson, secretary; Miss Emily Day, assistant secretary, and Miss Anna Wallace, treasurer.

Meetings of the organization are held Friday of each week, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Covenant.

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ALL OIL BURNERS FOR PACIFIC FLEET

Coal Burners Ordered to Atlantic for Economy and Tactical Efficiency.

Secretary Denby has ordered a reorganization of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets so as to concentrate coal-burning warships in the former and oil burners in the latter fleet. The changes ordered will strengthen the Pacific fleet and generally make for economy and tactical efficiency.

In accordance with the new policy the battleships Arizona, Nevada and Oklahoma will be transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific fleet. The battleship Maryland also will be sent, when completed, to the Pacific fleet. The battleships New York, Texas, Wyoming and Arkansas are transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic fleet.

When the battleship California is completed she will replace the New Mexico as the flagship of the Pacific fleet. The Maryland will be the most powerful ship in the fleet and will be the first battleship to be equipped with 16-inch rifles.

As rearranged, the fleets will be made up as follows: Pacific—Flagship California, Maryland, New Mexico, Idaho, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arizona, Oklahoma and Nevada. Atlantic—Flagship Pennsylvania, Wyoming, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, North Dakota and Delaware. The battleship Utah is assigned as flagship of the European squadron, Secretary Denby said.

Three destroyer divisions will be transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The Atlantic and Pacific fleets will be united for about three months each year in either the Caribbean sea or the Pacific near Panama bay for training in combined tactical operations.

The Pittsburgh, flagship of the European squadron, will be returned to this country. The squadron will then comprise the battleship Utah, the cruisers Chattanooga and St. Louis and three divisions, totaling eighteen destroyers.

ORDERED TO COBLENZ.

Col. Robert M. Brambila, United States Infantry, stationed at Camp Benning, Ga., has been ordered to Coblenz, Germany, for duty with the 5th Infantry.

MARY GARDEN HOPEFUL.

Regards London Outlook for Chicago Opera Company Uncertain.

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LONDON, England, June 21.—Miss Mary Garden and G. M. Spangler, of the Chicago Opera Company, who came to London to investigate the possibilities of a season for their company at Covent Garden, regard the outlook for this experiment as

uncertain but not without hope. British music lovers welcome the Chicago singers with enthusiasm. Public-spirited men and women of all parties and friends would do likewise.

Certain exigencies connected with the dates of existing arrangements and other matters constitute a difficulty more or less stubborn, but Mr. Spangler hopes that every obstacle may be overcome.

"We greatly desire to arrange this season," said he. "Naturally all singers like to appear in the world metropolis. But such considerations

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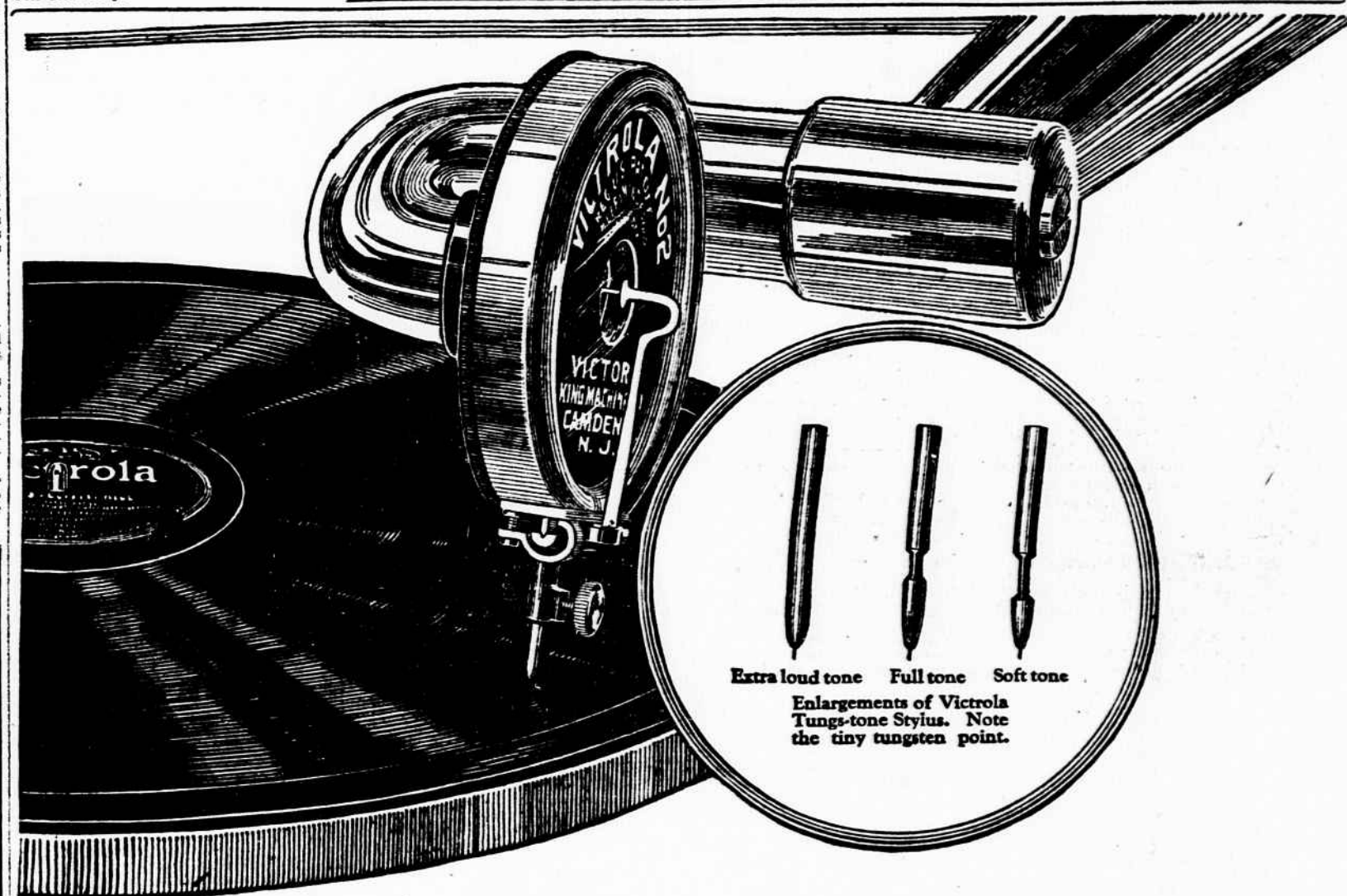
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